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**CITY NOTES**

**CLASS, SOCIAL.**—The Elite dancing class will conduct a social in the hall of John Boyle O'Connell, Young Men's Institute, on Christmas night.

**AUDITING COMMITTEE.**—The joint auditing committee of councils will meet this evening, the regular meeting night following on Christmas evening.

**GOOD SEATS TO BE HAD.**—A few good seats are still to be had at the Lyceum box office for the engagement of Francis Wilson at the Lyceum tonight in "Cyrano de Bergerac." It will be the comic opera event of the season.

**SUBSCRIPTION DANCE.**—Invitation have been issued for a subscription dance in the Scranton Bicycle club house on Thursday evening, Dec. 25, under the patronage of Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, Mrs. Timothy Burke and Mrs. John Fitzgibbon.

**COMMITTED TO JAIL.**—Rufus Harmon, of 202 Pine street, was yesterday committed to the county jail by Alderman Miller. He was charged with defrauding his boarding house keeper. Harmon is a young man of about 24, and a teetotaler by trade.

**MARRIED YESTERDAY.**—Hiram De Vel, treasurer of the Gaiety theater, and Miss Ella McDonald, were married yesterday morning at 5 o'clock in the Episcopal residence by Rev. D. J. Macpherson. The young couple will begin house-keeping after January 1.

**BASKET BALL CHALLENGE.**—The Danville Basket Ball team champions of the state, would like to arrange a game for Christmas night at Danville with the best team Scranton can produce. Address Edward S. Czechowicz, manager.

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Fresh invoice of finest table delicacies, Imported Hares, Landlagers, Savarins, Souffles, Salmon, Pates of all kinds, Imported and California Fruits and Jellies, Naimelster, Delicacies, Herries in Wine Sauce, Italian Chestnuts, Lob Ruchon, Marzipan and Honey Cakes of all descriptions, and full line of fancy groceries for the holidays. Catering orders taken now for the holidays. Dinner Table d'Hotel, Breakfast, Lunch and Supper a la carte. Oysters served in any style.  
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**CHRISTMAS SONGS.**—Two handsome little booklets have been issued by Rev. F. B. Ballentine. They are both in the shape of Christmas songs and carols, the words of both being written by Rev. Ballentine, and the music of the one song by Theodore Homberger and of the other by Alfred Woolter.

**FINES IMPOSED.**—Pearl Lockwood and a woman by the name of Oyce who were arrested in Center street Monday night for keeping a disorderly house, were yesterday given a hearing before Alderman Kason. The Lockwood woman, who was the proprietress, was fined \$25, while the other escaped by payment of \$5.

**YULE-TIDE DANCE.**—Invitations have been received in this city for a Yule-Tide dance in honor of college boys, which will be given in Keystone hall, Pittston, on Friday evening, Dec. 29. The committee in charge consists of William R. Caldwell, Frank Lawson, P. W. Gallagher, Thomas English, Jr., W. T. Walsh, George O'Brien, Joseph Fitzpatrick and James J. Corcoran, of Pittston, and Joseph Monaghan, of Carbondale; Dr. J. Myles Gibson, of Scranton, and Hugh Duffy, of Wilkes-Barre.

**Given Away.**  
A pair of kid gloves makes a nice present, but a pair of gloves in a pretty enameled box makes a much nicer present. Buy the gloves of us and we will give you the box gratis.  
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**CONFERENCE OF PRIESTS.**  
Held in College Hall and Attended By 150 Clergymen—Appointments Announced.

Announcement was made yesterday by Bishop M. J. Hoban of the promotion of Rev. T. F. Coffey, of St. Rose church, Carbondale, to the position of rural dean, and of the appointment of Rev. J. J. Loughran, S. T. L., of the cathedral, to succeed the deceased chancellorship, made vacant by Rev. Father Coffey's promotion. It was also announced that Rev. N. J. McManus, of Holy Rosary church, Providence, had been added to the list of irremovable rectors, of whom there are at present six in the Scranton diocese.

The position of rural dean is in a large measure an honorary one in a diocese like this, but in one covering a wide territory it carries with it many responsibilities. A bishop may delegate to a rural dean episcopal powers in most matters of a temporal character.

A chancellor is to a bishop what an adjutant is to a colonel, to use an illustration apropos to the times. He has charge of all the legal and ecclesiastical papers, sends out the episcopal circulars and through him the bishop is addressed in all communications of a formal character from the priests. Rev. Father Loughran, who is also secretary to the bishop, will continue in both positions.

An irremovable rectorship is an honor bestowed upon elderly priests who have accomplished a considerable work. Generally a requisite is that his congregation shall have built and paid for a church, school and parochial residence. The irremovable rectors, as the name implies, are not subject to a change of station. They are the priests who have a voice in nominating a bishop.

The announcement of these appointments made at a diocesan conference held yesterday, in St. Thomas college, at which 140 of the 150 priests of the diocese were in attendance.

The session began at 10:29 a. m. and continued till 1:30 p. m. Bishop Hoban presided. The primary purpose of the conference was to further the movement for the organization of a fund for aged and infirm priests. A constitution and set of by-laws drafted by a special committee appointed at the conference of last year, was submitted and discussed. Action upon it was postponed until the next conference, which will be held three months hence, it being the intention of the bishop to have this conference quarterly.

It was also announced by Bishop Hoban that a synod will be held early next year to revise the laws governing the conduct of temporal affairs in the diocese. At present these affairs are regulated by the code that was in operation in the arch-diocese of Philadelphia, at the time of the establishment of the Scranton see.

**WONDERFUL PIANO SALE.**  
A Great Record Made by Finn & Phillips.

People who have occasion to pass the music store of Finn & Phillips, 128 Wyoming avenue, no doubt wonder at the great activity going on there in the buying and unloading of pianos, which has been going on continuously since the first of the month.

The enviable reputation acquired by this firm, as the leading piano dealers of Scranton and vicinity, has been justly earned by honest dealing and liberal methods. The immense stock of pianos which they always have in their display rooms has also been a great factor in their success.

So far this month they have sold on an average of one piano for each business day, which is indeed a remarkable record.

They have just placed 5 handsome James & Holmstrom in the music department of Jonas Long's store, where it is being admired by the crowd of shoppers who see and hear it. A visit to Finn & Phillips' store and an inspection of their five floors, three of which are devoted to pianos, will give some impression of the magnitude of their business.

**Notice.**  
No freight will be received for delivery at the D. L. & W. freight house on Christmas or New Year's, but the freight house will be open for delivery up to 12 o'clock noon on each of the above named days.

**Ice Cream and Fancy Cakes.**  
Place orders now for Christmas. The choicest fancy cakes and purest ice cream in the city will be found at Huntington's, 429 Spruce street.

Finest wines and cigars at Lane's, 529 Spruce street.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.**  
Has been used for FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN'S COLIC, TEething, WIND, COLIC, SOOTHING, IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOOTHES THE QUINS, ALLAYS the pain and brings on a healthy sleep. It is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA. Sold by all Druggists in every part of the world. Beware of cheap imitations. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

**OLD LAW THAT WAS NEW TO THE COURT**

**DEALS WITH A MATTER OF JUDGEMENT NOTES.**  
Mr. Levy Took Judgment for Want of Affidavit of Defense in the Face of an Abatement Filed by the Defendant, and Yesterday, When the Opposition Moved to Strike Off the Judgment, He Produced Authorities to Show that Abatement, and Not Judgment, Was Irregular.

Somewhat of a surprise party was sprung in argument court yesterday by Attorney Ralph Levy, representing the plaintiff in the case of J. H. Gunter, assignee, against Henry Armstrong.

The plaintiff sued to recover judgment on a \$400 note and in due time took judgment for want of an affidavit of defense. John P. Rager, attorney for the defendant, filed an abatement before the judgment was taken, and believing this had successfully stopped the judgment applied for and secured a rule to strike off the judgment.

When the case came up for argument yesterday Mr. Rager contented with himself with merely calling the attention of the judges to the statement having been filed.

Mr. Levy then sprang his little surprise. It was that the abatement was a nullity because it had not been filed in time. The judges looked at one another and then at Mr. Levy and asked "How's that?"

**HAD AUTHORITIES.**  
Mr. Levy explained that he had authorities to show that an abatement is not operative unless filed within four days after notice is given. The abatement in this case was not filed. Mr. Levy stated, until twenty-two days had elapsed.

It was the first time the matter had ever been raised in the court, and Mr. Levy says that the last ruling he could find on it was made in 1827. He turned to the papers and seemed to evince much interest in Mr. Levy's point.

The lengthy and spirited arguments were heard in the divorce case of Pauline Scheuer against Henry Scheuer, in which a rule is pending for alimony and counsel fees. The respondent contended that Mrs. Scheuer has money of her own and is in every way able to support herself and pay her attorney. The libellant went into the merits of the divorce case at length reviewing the testimony adduced at the hearing which tended to show that Mrs. Scheuer's allegation that her husband treated her cruelly was well founded.

The divorce case of Nellie Allen against Benjamin Allen was submitted and a decree granted forthwith by Judge Archbold, on motion of W. P. Boyle, attorney for the libellant. The libellant lives on Olive street, this city. She alleged that her husband deserted her March 12, 1898, in the seventh month of their wedded life. He deserted her first during their honeymoon and was away for three months. When he returned she had him arrested for non-support. He ran away and has never come back.

**MADE ABSOLUTE.**  
In the case of E. S. Jones against James Kane, the rule to open judgment was made absolute and it was directed that the vote should stand as a declaration, the defendant to be non-assumpsit and payment with leave. An order was also made permitting the plaintiff to file an answer nunc pro tunc.

The attachment and all proceedings thereon were ordered stayed in the certain case of Mrs. Patrick Coyne against John Stone. Judgment was affirmed in the certiorari case of P. Rudolph & Son against T. J. Fitzsimmons.

A settlement was reported in the case of John M. Coleman against John Walsh, rule to open judgment.

The case of J. L. Crawford and others against L. W. Hoffecker, exceptions to report of referee was also argued.

**Failed to Sink the Bore-Holes.**  
Suit was yesterday instituted by Welles & Torrey on a \$5,000 bond given by Stephen F. Shelley, Alfred Harvey and Franklin Howell to H. H. Seidel, Walter Farnham and J. Warren Harper, attorneys in fact for the heirs of John Harper, deceased, late of East Hanover township, Lebanon county, Pa.

Shelley, it is alleged, secured from the plaintiffs on October 2, 1897, an option on the coal underlying the John Harper tract of 201 acres in East Hanover township, on condition that it should be at once opened up. One stipulation was that three bore-holes were to be sunk within a year, and it was for the faithful performance of this stipulation that the bond was given. The defendants, it is alleged, did not do anything towards carrying out the agreement, and the plaintiffs claim in consequence that the \$5,000 bond is forfeited.

**To Secure Villeto's Release.**  
Attorney John M. Harris is making an effort to secure the release of Tony Villeto, the 8-south side man, now in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of killing Annie D. Santo, during a Sunday night fight at a spookery near No. 5 meadows, Oct. 1.

The coroner's jury exculpated Villeto and the district attorney says he has no evidence against him. These facts were laid before Judge Edwards yesterday, and he granted a writ of habeas corpus, returnable this morning.

**Marriage Licenses.**  
James M. Murray ..... 321 Crown avenue  
Margaret Murray ..... 301 Crown avenue  
Frank Chapman ..... Dunmore  
Mary Conroy ..... Scranton  
William G. Clark ..... Jessup  
Elizabeth Fike ..... Jessup  
George R. Russell ..... Old Forge  
Tillie May Beagle ..... Old Forge  
Richard Edwards ..... Madison  
Elsie McLain ..... Madison  
Robert J. Drake ..... Carbondale  
Nellie M. Duffy ..... Carbondale

**Court House News Notes.**  
James J. Gallagher was yesterday discharged under the insolvency laws.  
R. A. Zimmerman, W. F. O'Brien and William J. Jeffries were yesterday appointed by court as viewers of the Second district sewer in Dunmore borough, with instructions to meet on the first of the proposed improvement January 16, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Eastman kodaks, \$24, at the Griffin Art Company's store.

**THE SOAP IS STILL THERE.**  
The Providence Peddlers Have Not Yet Returned to the City Hall.  
The office of Chief of Police Robbing in the City Hall is stocked with enough bars of soap to give the appearance of a country store. About two weeks ago two peddlers were arrested. The North Scranton They had been selling a very miserable grade of soap, four bars for \$1, and had been deluding many gullible folks by promising them with \$1 worth of purchase a premium ranging in value from \$5 to \$10.

They were arrested on the complaint of some Providence women and were let off easily by the mayor. He tentatively imposed a \$10 fine out of which the swindled parties were to be reimbursed and the soap returned to the vendors.

The latter then departed with many promises that they would be back in a few days for their soap.

Once outside, however, the wily merchants fairly flew from the station, and have not been seen near a blue-coat since. The \$10 left disappeared as rapidly as the soap men did. The Providence women came in with their soap in hordes, and soon not a cent was left.

And, therefore, Chief Robbing's office desk is heaped high with the soap which the foxy fakirs have not yet returned to claim.

**DECIDED AGAINST MELVIN.**  
Alderman Howe Gave Judgment in Favor of the Scranton Gas and Water Company for \$22.81.

The hearing in the action in assumption, brought by the Scranton Gas and Water company against School Councilman Thomas C. Melvin, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, was conducted yesterday morning in the office of Alderman John T. Howe. The company was represented by Attorney Ira Burns and the defendant by Attorneys O'Brien & Gally.

Last Friday the testimony was taken of Joseph Oliver, of a New York Meter company, who testified that it was possible to so tamper with a water meter that it would register backward instead of forward. Yesterday the witness was Mr. Melvin and Wellington La Monte, chief inspector for the gas and water company.

The latter testified that the meter was put in the hotel October 12, 1898, and that on November 11, it registered 22.24 cubic feet. On December 11, the next statement was taken and the meter then registered 8.57 cubic feet, or 13.67 cubic feet less than on the previous occasion. Mr. Melvin, being sworn, testified that he had never tampered in any way with the meter and that during the month of November his hotel used the usual amount of water.

The alderman then gave judgment. It was contended that the cost of the water consumed during the month would amount to \$2.81, and judgment was accordingly given for that amount.

Mr. Melvin, after the hearing, declared that he had merely been sued for the payment of his monthly water bill; that he had never had a bill for his water, and that he was certainly treated by being dragged into court to pay a bill of which he had never been notified.

He has twenty days in which to appeal the case, and his counsel are considering the advisability of so doing.

**STARS FOR MAIL CARRIERS.**  
Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith Changes the Designation.

Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith has issued an order changing the designation of letter carriers' wages from stripes to stars. The change will, it is believed, be pleasing to the employees. The regulations will be as follows:

Five years' service, one black silk star; ten years' service, two black silk stars; fifteen years' service, one red silk star; twenty years' service, two red silk stars; twenty-five years' service, one silver star; thirty years' service, two silver stars.

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As distinction between a substitute letter carrier and a regular letter carrier who has not received his first stripe, each substitute carrier shall wear a black cloth bar, one-fourth inch wide and one and one-half inches long, one-half inch above the black braid on each sleeve equidistant from seams.

**FOR A UNIFORM EXAMINATION.**  
Act Being Drafted to Do Away with Local Law Examinations.

The standing committee of the State Bar association will meet in Pittsburg, Dec. 29, when the committee on legal education, of which John M. Harris, of this city, is one, will submit the draft of a law empowering the supreme court to appoint a state board of law examiners to examine and pass upon the qualifications of all applicants for admittance to any bar in the state.

This aims to do away with the local examining boards and effect a uniformity of legal requirements. The board, it is contemplated, shall conduct examinations periodically in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Erie, Scranton and Williamsport. Mr. Harris has been delegated to draw up the act.

**POLITICAL NOTES.**

The Democrats of the Second ward will hold a caucus Thursday night in O'Donnell's hall to nominate candidates for common council, school controller and alderman.

County Commissioner John Demuth is spoken of as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for select council in the Eleventh ward to oppose John J. Schneider, who was nominated by the Republicans at their caucus held Monday night. Mr. Schneider is the able gentleman who now represents the Eleventh ward in select council.

Friday evening the Democrats of the Sixth ward will have their primary election at the regular polling places to nominate candidates for common council and school controller and alderman. Councilman P. E. Calbin will be nominated to succeed himself but there is a lively three-cornered fight on for the school controller nomination between the present controller, John M. Casey, Patrick Golden and Patrick McLean.

Smoke the "Hotel Jermyn" cigar, 10c.  
Smokers' Specialties.  
Meerschaum and Brier Pipes in all styles and at all prices at O'Hara's cigar store, 431 Spruce street.

**Prices Reduced.**

**Watches**  
Solid silver watches, American works, were \$10.00, now \$6.00.



James Boss make, filled watch, jeweled movement, warranted, for \$4.50.  
Solid Gold Watches at wonderful prices—\$10, \$20 and \$25, every one a bargain.

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Brown Marten Scarfs, dyed ..... 3.50 to 5.00  
Electric Seal Scarfs ..... 2.00 to 5.00  
Mink Boas, some as handsome as Sable 4.00 to 18.00  
Sable Fox Scarfs, beauties ..... 10.00 to 15.00  
Handsome Collarets, all prices ..... 3.00 to 60.00  
Real Russian Sable Boas ..... 30.00 to 40.00  
Electric Seal Coats ..... 30.00 to 50.00  
Alaskan Seal Coats ..... 150.00 to 250.00  
Persian Lamb Coats ..... 100.00 to 140.00

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